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DEPT PASS TO SANAA

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, JO

SUBJ: ROYAL JORDANIAN AIRLINE WETLEASE CARAVELLES TO YEMEN  
COLLAPSING

REF: AMMAN 2347

1. AS REQUESTED IN REF. EMBASSY ADVISED ALI GHANDOUR  
VIA TELEPHONE, P. M. MAY 4. HE WAS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL  
THEN. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TELEPHONING AMBASSADOR BROWN  
BUT ALSO ASKED EMBASSY TO PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO  
EMBASSY AMMAN.

2. GHANDOUR PERSONALLY CONDUCTED THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH  
MR. ASHWALL, FORMER CHAIRMAN AND MR. DEHNY, GENERAL  
MANAGER OF YEMEN AIRLINES 10 DAYS AGO IN AMMAN. THE  
SAME DAY YEMEN AIRLINES SIGNED THE CONTRACT WITH ALIA,  
THE YEMEN AIRLINES BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHANGES. YEMEN  
THEN ASKED ALIA TO REFRAIN FROM SIGNING THE AGREEMENT  
UNTIL THE NEW BOARD WAS APPOINTED. ALIA HAS COMPLIED.

3. ALIA DID NOT INSIST ON 11 SECURITY OFFICERS ON  
BOARD, BUT DID INSIST ON OBSERVING THE MANNER IN WHICH  
PASSENGERS WERE PREVENTED FROM CARRYING FIRE ARMS ON  
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BOARD THE AIRCRAFT.

4. ALIA OFFERED 82- PASSENGER CARAVELLES TO YEMEN SINCE THAT WAS THE MAXIMUM PASSENGERS THEY COULD CARRY ON THE ROUTE. YEMEN REQUESTED THE CARAVELLES FOR ONLY 1 MONTH, STATING AFTER THAT THEY WOULD WANT A 720- B.

5. THE YEMEN AIRLINES DELEGATES ADVISED ALIA THEY ALREADY HAD AS AGREEMENT WITH SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES TO FURNISH YEMEN WITH 1 CARAVELLE. YEMEN AIRLINES TOLD ALIA THEY WOULD TRY TO GET OUT OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE SYRIAN ARAB AIRLINES.

6. GHANDOUR TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THEY ARE ALWAYS READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE NEW YEMEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BUT THEY DO INSIST ON A BANK GUARANTEE OR A GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL GUARANTEE. HE SAID THE OLD YEMEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS COULD NOT PRODUCE THE NECESSARY BANK GUARANTEE.

7. AS FURTHER BACKGROUND, GHANDOUR SAID THAT ALIA HAD HAD A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT WITH YEMEN TO OPERATE THREE YEMEN ROUTES: CAIRO TO HUDEIDI; JIDDA TO HUDEIDI; KUWAIT TO HUDEIDI. YEMEN WAS UNABLE TO PRODUCE BANK GUARANTEES. HOWEVER ALIA DID OPERATE ONE FLIGHT ON A CASH BASIS.  
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NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED SANAA.

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